



“Brain Death”

A Medicolegal Construct:
Scientific & Philosophical Evidence

20th - 21st MAY 2019

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JOHN PAUL II
ACADEMY
FOR HUMAN LIFE
AND THE FAMILY

DAY 1

Opening Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus

- 9:05** Welcome
- 9:10** “Brain Death” is not Death
Philosophical and Scientific Evidence in Brief
Josef Seifert, DDr. Phil. Habil.
- 9:40** The “Birth” of “Brain Death”
Thomas Zabiega, M.D.
- 10:30** “Brain Death” is not Death: Clinical Experience
Paul Byrne, M.D.
- 11:00** Coffee Break
- 12:00** Apnea Test Procedure versus Aggressive Therapy for Alleged
“Brain Dead” Patients
Cicero Coimbra, M.D., Ph.D.
- 13:00** Lunch Break
- 14:30** “Non-Heart-Beating” Donors, an Alternative to “Brain-Dead”
Donors?
Doyen Nguyen, OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.
- 15:30** Consent Policy and “Brain Death”
Paul Byrne, M.D.
- 16:30** Coffee Break
- 17:00** General Discussion
- 18:00** End of Day 1. Dinner to Follow (TBA)

Closing Prayer Salve Regina

DAY 2

Opening Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus

- 9:05** Substance and Organism as a Whole
Sed Contra to Moschella’s pro-“Brain Death” Rationale
Doyen Nguyen, OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.
- 10:30** Critique of the “Brain Death” Concept in the Writings of
Robert Spaemann and Wolfgang Waldstein
Fr. Edmund Waldstein, O.Cist., Mag. Theol.
- 11:30** Coffee Break
- 12:00** Fundamental Philosophical Errors and Unthomistic
Character of Lee and Grisez’s pro-“Brain Death” Rationale
Josef Seifert, DDr. Phil. Habil.
- 13:00** Lunch Break
- 14:30** Insights into Integration: What Makes an Organism a Whole?
D. Alan Shewmon, M.D. (Live Video Presentation)
- 15:30** Did John Paul II Approve “Brain Death”?
Doyen Nguyen, OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.
- 16:30** Coffee Break
- 17:00** General Discussion
- 18:00** Truth, the Foundation of a Culture of Life
Bishop Athanasius Schneider (Live Video Presentation)
- 18:30** Concluding Remarks
Announcing the Theme of JAHLF 2020 Conference
Josef Seifert, DDr. Phil. Habil.
- 18:45** End of Day 2. Banquet to Follow (TBA)

Closing Prayer Salve Regina



HOW TO REACH US

From **Termini train station** (also reachable by Metro A and B) 1 minute walk.



PARTICIPATION FEES

- **Registration FEES: € 60 - With Lunch** (both days): € 120
- **Students' registration FEES: € 30**
With Lunch (both days): € 90



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